

House Resolution No. 711

Whereas, it is with tremendous respect and pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives acknowledge milestone events in the stellar histories of Show-Me State organizations which so skillfully combine religion and service; and

Whereas, Unity Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Canton, Missouri, will celebrate the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary of its founding through observances to be held at the Masonic Hall on Sunday, March 23, 2003; and

Whereas, established just ten years after the first Order of the Eastern Star was organized by Dr. Rob Morris, Unity Chapter was created on March 8, 1878, by twenty-one Master Masons, wives, and daughters who chose the name in hopes it would always be appropriate; and

Whereas, since its earliest days, Unity Chapter has enjoyed great activity and interest, good times, and such fellowship activities as family picnics and family Christmas parties; and

Whereas, Unity Chapter celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary in 1928 with a banquet organized by Sister Alice Zenge, welcomed the Order of Rainbow for girls in 1939 under the administration of Sister Jessie Goetz, and heralded its Seventy-fifth Anniversary in 1953 under the leadership of Sister Dessie Grandstaff; and

Whereas, today's Unity Chapter enjoys the privilege to function with Sue Blackmore as District Deputy Grand Matron, Carolyn Winters as Worthy Matron, J.R. Winters as Worthy Patron, and Stan Willis as Secretary; and

Whereas, Unity Chapter has attained distinction for sponsoring three people for ESTARL religious studies grants, observing the second Sunday in April as "Go to Church Sunday", and contributing to St. John's Fund; Masonic Home projects; Red Cross; Shriners Hospital; cancer, heart disease, and diabetes research; religious education; child abuse prevention; Childhood Aphasia research; Order of DeMolay; the local food bank; Rainbow Girls; and Quilts for First Responders:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the One Hundred Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the establishment of Unity Chapter and to convey this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes to all of those officers and members who will plan and carry out appropriate ceremonies on Sunday, March 23, 2003, at Masonic Hall facilities; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Unity Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Canton, Missouri.

Offered by _____

Representative Brian Munzlinger

District No. 1

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 711, adopted March 6, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker